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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED TO MERRILL AND SWEET FOR
TRAVEL TO BARBADOS

REF: FAA 2516

¶1. Embassy Bridgetown welcomes and grants clearance to
Frances Barbara Merrill and William Joe Sweet to travel to
Barbados from January 16-20, 2007, for the purpose of
providing civil aviation crisis management training.

¶2. Per reftel, Embassy understands assistance is not
required. Travelers will be staying at the Hilton Hotel,
Tel: 246/426-0200.

¶3. Embassy Bridgetown requests an outbrief be provided to
the Political/Economic Section relating to activities while
in the region within 10 working days of completion of travel.
Please provide the outbrief by telephone, 246/436-4950
x2230, or by fax at 246/431-0384.

¶4. Entry/departure requirements: Mission policy is that all
USG travelers to the region be in possession of a valid
passport. Visas are not required for short visits. Visitors
are granted up to 28 days upon entry, which can be extended
through the Barbados Immigration Department for up to six
months. Barbados has a departure tax of 25 Barbados dollars
or 13.00 U.S. dollars.

¶5. The exchange rate in Barbados is two Barbados dollars for
one U.S. dollar. U.S. currency, traveler's checks, and
credit cards are routinely and widely accepted.

¶6. The following is general information pertaining to
security and health considerations throughout the Eastern
Caribbean:

Security

In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of
well-established tourist areas is not generally recommended,
especially at night. Be vigilant when using public
telephones or ATM machines near roadsides or quiet areas. As
in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing expensive jewelry,
carrying expensive objects, or carrying large amounts of cash
should be avoided. Visitors should also safeguard valuables
while at the beach. While hotels are generally safe, many
visitors have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel
burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be
locked in room safes if possible.

Health

Throughout the Eastern Caribbean, the most likely threat to a
visitor's health is sunburn. It takes several weeks to

become accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun, without protection, causes sunburn and may ultimately result in sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreens should be used for protection. In Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines the major health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by mosquito.

Dengue cases are most often seen in the summer months. Persons should therefore protect themselves with insect repellent. There is a growing number of HIV/AIDS cases reported. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations (i.e., tetanus, diphtheria, and oral polio vaccine) are required when traveling to this region. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands in the region and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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